(c) The operations of Air Taxis have not affected the Indian Airlines and Vayudoot.

Losses to Airlines

286. SHRI JAGDISH JANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the three Airlines and the Helicopter Corporation of India are incurring huge losses during the current year;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken to improve the performance of Airlines and also to avoid the factors responsible for losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) to (c) *Air India.*

The Gulf crisis led to a sharp increase in the oil price as well as the insurance rates to the Air India's revenue from the Gulf region has fallen on account of the closure of the services to Iraq and Kuwait. These factors are estimated to lead to a deficit of Rs. 200 crores during the current financial year. These factors are beyond the control of the airline. The airline, is rationalising its operations and cutting down unnecessary expenditures to cope with the situation.

Indian Airlines

The suspension of A-320 aircraft has caused a loss of approximately Rs. 4.29 crores per week to Indian Airlines. With the reinduction of the aircraft and its optimum utilisation, the financial position of the airline is expected to improve. However, it will taken quite some time before the airline is able to wipe out the accumulated losses.

Pawan Hans Ltd.

The grounding of the Westland fleet for a part of the year and the high cost of operation of the Westland helicopter has had an adverse impact on the financial position of Pawan Hans. The Westland helicopter has been reinducted to a certain extent. On its Daulphin fleet, Pawan Hans is making adequate profits.

Vayudoot Ltd.

Vayudoot is saddled with aged and uneconomical aircraft, short haul operations and unremunerative fare structure. On account of these thrte factors, Vayudoot's operations are inherently unviable. It is imperative to rationalise its operations to reduce the magnitude of the losses.

Non-payment of dues by the SEBs

287. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount due from the State Electricity Boards at the end of 1989, State-wise as compared to that at the end of 1988;

(b) what are the main causes for the non-payment of the dues by the State Electricity Boards; and

(c) what is the existing mode of payment and whether any review of the procedure has been made to avoid accumulation of dues stating the corrective measures contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENERGY (SHRI BABANRAO DHAKNE): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Dues of IAAI

288. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Libyan Government which normally makes payment in oil in lieu of hard currency has been withholding oil worth Rs. 30 crores for years despite efforts to recover the dues for the various projects completed by IAAI;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether any efforts have been made through diplomatic channels to settle the issue; and

(d) if so, what are the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 27.43 crores is outstanding from the Government of Libya for projects executed by the IAAI.

(c) and (d) The matter is being pursued consistently with the Government of Libya through the Indian Embassy in Libya. However, despite assurances given by the Libyan authorities, the outstanding dues have not been settled as yet.

Youth Council for evolving the National Youth Policy

289. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that youth council was set up by the previous Government consisting of the MPs and representations of youth organisations for the purpose of evolving a National Youth Policy;

(b) if so, what is the present position of the said council; and

(c) what is Government's stand on evolving a National Youth Policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BHAGEY GOVERDHAN): (a) and (b) A National Youth Council has been set up *vide* Government Resolution dated 10th October, 1990 with the following objectives:—

(i) Suggest policy measures and programmes for youth;

(ii) Advise the Government on measures for the implementation of the Plan of Action of the National Youth Policy;

(iii) Review the co-ordination between various Departments of the Central/State Governments and all Voluntary Organisations/other Agencies involved therein; and

(iv) Provide a feed-back on the implementation of the National Youth Programmes.

The Council have 221 members with the Prime Minister as its Chairman.

(c) A National Youth Policy is being formulated.

Setting up of Coal Company in Orissa

290. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the setting up of a separate Coal Company in Orissa;

(b) if so, what are the details and the location thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER FOR ENERGY (SHRI KALYAN SINGH KALVI): (a) to (c) There is a proposal to form a new coal company for Talcher, Ib Valley and Mand-Raigarh Coalfields with Headquarters in Orissa. A post of Director (Tech.) in South Eastern Coalfields with Headquarters at Sambalpur has already been created to look after the operations and project planning for the coalfields in Orissa region.

Creation of post of Senior Manager in Air India

291. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some posts of Senior Manager in the Ground Services Department of Air India, Bombay were created during the last six months; if so, the number thereof;

(b) whether any work study/assessment of work-load in the Department